Implementation of Employment Guarantee Act

896. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a signature campaign for implementation of the proposed Employment Guarantee Act at the earliest;

(b) whether Government are also aware that this Act will go a long way towards protecting rural households from poverty and hunger and also slow down of rural-urban migration, employment of women and revival of Gram Panchayats;

(c) if so, whether Government are taking any steps to pass the Act immediately;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any reservation to some provisions are there; and

(f) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill, 2004 was introduced in Lok Sabha by the Government on 21.12.2004. It has been referred to the Standing Committee on Rural Development by Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha for examination and its recommendations.

Funds allotted for Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme

897. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allotted to Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme has been utilized fully by the various States;

(b) if so, the details of funds allotted and utilized and employment generated under Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme for the last three years, year-wise, state-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether the allocation for Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme is to be replaced by any other identical schemes; and